Dear Parishioners,

In this week’s Newsletter I would like to ask you to consider your financial support for a project to help us better utilise Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley, for prayer and giving glory to God. Along with the other Oratory Fathers, the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council, we believe that by **Air Conditioning Mary Immaculate Church**, Priests and people will be better able to focus and concentrate during the sacred liturgy and personal prayer. There are many other reasons we favour this proposal that I will also outline shortly. We aim to investigate air conditioning for St John Fisher Church at a later date as well.

I have obtained a quote from an air conditioning installation business that has successfully installed air conditioning in churches similar in design to Mary Immaculate. This company comes highly recommended by the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

**The quote to fully and effectively air condition Mary Immaculate Church has come in at less than $48,000,** which to me is a pleasant surprise as I expected it to cost much more. This quote is for Daikin floor console units that are quiet and unobtrusive from both the inside and outside of the church.

**An objection is sometimes made** that we should simply offer up the discomfort of a hot or cold church and simply toughen up. A response to this could be that there are many opportunities each day to offer up all our crosses, but Mass and prayer are not meant to be a time of penance and mortification. The sacraments are a time when the Lord wants us to prayerfully focus and enter into the sacred actions before us. Whatever can assist us to do this is a good thing as far as it goes.

**Others may say that spending money on air conditioning should not be a high priority for the parish.** This would be true if it were all that we are doing for the parish. However, just to name some projects that have been completed or soon will be, would include, extensive drainage works on the lower level of the church, a sacristy renovation, installing padded kneelers, landscaping the Ferndale St entrance to the church and school in conjunction with MI School and developing and implementing of a maintenance plan for SJF church.

I would like to outline for you now some of the benefits we see in installing air conditioning in Mary Immaculate Church.

- **Air conditioning is normal and expected in public buildings today such as shops, banks and halls, etc. and in cars and public transport.** The church is also a public building. Many more churches all around Australia are being air conditioned every year.
- **Air conditioning can help us pray and take part more fruitfully in the Mass and other sacraments because the environment becomes more conducive to concentration and attentiveness at prayer.** This is especially so for longer liturgies. This is also true for the short period of colder weather when many people also find the church uncomfortable. Moreover, modern A/C units are more inexpensive to run than in the past.
- **Air conditioning assists parents with young children and the children themselves to take part in the Mass more comfortably and to be less stressed.**
- **The priests and servers in their vestments and cassocks are better able to pray and concentrate on the sacred liturgy in the church.**
- **Air conditioning would reduce loud traffic noise because the side doors would be closed, therefore adding to the prayerfulness of the church.**
- **Air conditioning would better allow for the possibility one day of an extra late morning or late afternoon Mass.** Solemn Sunday Vespers, which is integral to the Oratorian charism would also be able to take place throughout the year.
- **With air conditioning we would not need to ever utilise all the side doors of the church.** This would create the possibility in the future of setting up an extra confessional and/or side altar for Mass and devotions, located where a pair of side doors lead out to the ambulatory balcony area.

The parish is now in a much better financial position than it has been for some time and can afford air conditioning with support from parishioners and supporters of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation.

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**From the Parish Priest - Special Appeal**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Andrew Wise

**Parish Team:**
Mrs Kathy Duckor (Parish Finance Officer)
Miss Ria McIntyre (Assistant Sacramental Co-ordinator)
Mr Richard O’Neil:0427 484 679 (Parish Secretary)
Mr Michael Armstrong (Principal)
Mrs Paula Goodwin (Parish Secretary)
Mr Matthew Edwards (Principal)
St John Fisher Hall: 17 Messines Ridge Road, Tarragindi
St Mary Immaculate Primary School: 61 Effingham St, Ekibin
St Elizabeth’s Primary School: Phone 3848 0828
St John Fisher Church: Phone 3848 1107
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Phone 3848 1107 (Office hours)

**Parish Pastoral Council:**
Fr Paul Chandler (Moderator)
Fr Andrew Wise (Parish Secretary)
Fr Adrian Sharp (Sacramental Co-ordinator)
Br Shaun Murphy
Br Tyson King
Br Conor Power
Br Matthew Buckley

**Frassati Youth (High School age):** Catherine McDowall (0431 117 139) frassatiyouthbrisbane@gmail.com
St Vincent de Paul House:
Phone: 3010 1096

**Homeless Hotline:** 1800 474 753

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**Readings for next Sunday**
6th/7th February, 2016

1st: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2nd: Romans 10:8-13

**BRISBANE ORATORY IN FORMATION**
**PARISH OF ANNERLEY EKIBIN**
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C [OF]
Quinquagesima Sunday [EF]
6th/7th February, 2016**
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From Page 1: To give one example of many, last year the parish received a payout from our insurance company for the spire at Mary Immaculate Church, even though no actual work needs to be undertaken on the spire. These funds, or part of them, are free to be used on another project for Mary Immaculate Church like this one.

Air conditioning would be initially for Mary Immaculate Church, with St John Fisher Church to follow later after further consultation.

I am pleased to let you know that several thousand dollars have already been pledged toward this project by some of our many generous and committed families. I hope you will also kindly consider contributing to this appeal towards meeting the cost of air conditioning Mary Immaculate church. Envelopes will be available next weekend for this appeal. You may wish to make a donation next weekend or take the envelope home and consider the matter further during the week. If you have any queries or seek clarification of any aspect of this project, please don’t hesitate to contact me either after Mass or through the parish office. Thank you for giving this project your serious consideration.

Fr Andrew Wise PP

Important Announcements: Next Wednesday, 10th February, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Mass will be at 6:30am at S/JF (please note the half hour change in time); 9:00am at MI [OF] and 7:30pm at MI, which will be a Missa Cantata in the traditional form [EF].

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Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm in MI Church beginning on Friday, 12th February. This will lead into the Friday Holy Hour and confessions for the Year of Mercy, which is from 7:30pm - 8:30pm each Friday. Please keep this Holy Hour in mind each week, as well as Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Flores Teresianes is organising a retreat day, lead by Fr Wise, at Santa Teresa, Ormiston, from 9:00am - 4:00pm on Saturday, 20th February. All Catholic young women over 18 years old are warmly invited to attend. For more information, please phone Elise Hewitt on 0400 204 995.

FAITH 16 IN OUR PARISH: On Thursday 25th February, Annerley Ekibin Parish will host the third in the series of these Lenten Pilgrimage events, "Mercy in Family Life" at the Marymac Centre. This is an important initiative developed by the Brisbane South Deanery and conveying the strong endorsement of Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Our Pastoral Council & Deenery Representatives need your assistance. Please see next weekend’s Newsletter for further details.

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**Parish Diary & Mass Times: 8th - 14th February 2016**

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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

First: $1,745.10 Second: $3,578.45
Thank you from a grateful Parish

**St Gregory’s Latin Mass Community**
Quinquagesima Sunday: Wilston, at 7:30am

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 6th February**, 5:30pm Vigil at MI:
For Savio & Shamitha D’Souza, Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, 7th February**, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the Holy Souls
9:00am Mass at SJF:
For the People of the Parish: Pro populo

**Monday, 8th February**, 7:00am Mass at SE:
For a Special Intention

**Tuesday, 9th February**, 6:00am Mass at SE:
For the Intention of the Donor
7:00am Mass at MI:
For the Turner Family

**Wednesday, 10th February**, 6:30am Mass at SJF:
For Anthony D’Cunha, Anniversary of Death

**Thursday, 11th February**, 6:00am Mass at SE:
For the Holy Souls
7:00am Mass at MI:
For Philip Bell, Sick

**Friday, 12th February**, 7:00am Mass at SE:
For the Holy Souls

**Saturday, 13th February**, 8:00am Mass at MI:
For the Leadbetter Family, for Good Health

**Sunday, 14th February**, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the People of the Parish: Pro populo

**Verso L’Alto:** Mondays, beginning with Mass at 7:00pm at Mary Immaculate Church, followed by supper and catechesis/faith formation talks. Verso L’Alto is open to young adults from 18 years of age.

**Frassati Youth:** Inspiring holiness and virtue in high school aged youth, every Friday in Term 1 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Contact Catherine McDowall on 0431 117 139 or email catherinemcdowall@hotmail.com
SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts. Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 137
(Said by all)

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways' 'How great is the glory of the Lord!
You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading: 1Cor 15:1-11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!


Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. Master, Simon replied 'we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: Number Two

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death O Lord, until you come again.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: HOUSE SUPERVISOR/S

Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated (PCI) who assists mothers confronted with a pregnancy in difficult circumstances requires the services of Volunteer House Supervisors for the Charity’s safe house. A separate suite, free rental, free electricity, water and rates, are provided, but beyond that this work is a labour of love. This position is a live-in position which oversees the running of the house including the safety and security of our guests and volunteers.

Training provided. Please phone 1300 777 777 for further information and to register your interest.

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?

OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE BUT REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND OF THE BRISBANE ORATORY?

If so, please fill in the form below and place it on the collection plate or mail to our Parish Office:

P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.

☐ I am a new parishioner
☐ I am from elsewhere but would like to be registered as a friend of the Brisbane Oratory

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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